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The reply filed on March 22, 2001, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action mailed on December 19, 2000, because Applicants have not elected any polynucleotide sequences of Group II for examination purposes. Although Applicants have the right to traverse such a restriction requirement, an election of the invention is required for any response to be complete (see 37 CFR § 1.143).

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiries concerning the merits of this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Jeffrey S. Lundgren, whose telephone number is (703) 306-3221. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EST).

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Dr. Michael Woodward, can be reached at (703) 308-4426.

Any inquiries of a general nature relating to this application should be directed to Ms. Pauline Farrier, Patent Analyst for Art Unit 1631, whose telephone number is (703) 305-3550.

Papers related to this application may be submitted by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1631 using (703) 308-0294. Please notify the Examiner of incoming facsimiles prior to sending papers to the aforementioned fax number. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG (November 15, 1989).

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